

REPORT

FROM THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

WITH REPORTS FROM THE

REGISTER AND RECEIVER OF THE LAND OFFICE

FOR THE

DISTRICT OF JACKSON COURT-HOUSE,

UNDER THE LAW FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF

LAND CLAIMS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

FEBRUARY 18, 1829.—Read, and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, 17th February, 1829.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith, copies of the reports of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office for the District of Jackson Court-House, Mississippi, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved on the 24th May, 1828, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts providing for the adjustment of land claims in the State of Mississippi."

With great respect,

Your obed't servant,

GEORGE GRAHAM

The Hon. JOHN C. CALHOUN,

Vice-President of the United States, and

President of the Senate.

LAND OFFICE AT AUGUSTA,

DISTRICT OF JACKSON COUNTY, *Mississippi, Jan. 15, '82*

SIR: In obedience to the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts providing for the adjustment of land claims in the State of Mississippi," approved the 24th May, 1828.

In pursuance of the provisions of the above recited act and for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, we did attend, after having given suitable notice to the claimants of the time and place of our meeting, and the object thereof; and after having appointed Valentine Delmas, Esq., Clerk at Jackson Court-House, and the town of Shieldsborough, and held our re-

spective sessions thereat, so long as was thought necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of the aforesaid recited act.

We have the honor herewith to report on the several claims received by us, in the performance of the aforesaid duties. Reports numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4, contain the claims founded on written evidence. Numbers 5 and 6, those founded on actual settlement. All of which are respectfully submitted.

With great respect, Sir,

Your most ob'd't servants,

WILLIAM HOWZE,
G. B. DAMERON.

GEORGE GRAHAM, Esq.

Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington City.

REPORT—No. 5.

A LIST of actual Settlers within that part of the Land District of Jackson Court-House, in the State of Mississippi, lying below the 31st degree of north latitude, (formerly Louisiana,) prior to the 15th April, 1813, who have no claims derived from either the French, British, or Spanish Government.

Number.	Present claimant.	Original claimant.	Date of original settlement.	Date of present settlement.	Where situated.
1	C. Rane - -	Stephen Haven - -	1st March, 1813	August, 1828	East side Dog river.
2	Same - -	Daniel Lary - -	11th do 1812		West side Pascagoula river.
3	Simon Deflander - -	Mrs. Deflander - -	Upwards of 30 years past		Bay of Pascagoula, Bayou Portage.
4	Pierre Ladner - -	Pierre Ladner - -	Forty-five or fifty years past		Bayou Valdeterre.
5	Heirs of C. Peytevan - -	Heirs of C. Peytevan - -	Twenty-two or three years last past		West of bay Biloxi.
6	Glande Ladner - -	Glande Ladner - -	Before and since the American Government	-	Sea coast, Old Chimneys.
7	Widow N. Ladner - -	Widow N. Ladner - -	Before and since the American Government	-	Sea coast, Old Chimneys.
8	Mary Parish - -	Mary Parish - -	Upwards of thirty years past	-	West side of bay St. Louis.
9	M. & J. Cleveland - -	M. & J. Cleveland - -	- - - 1812	-	East side Pearl river.
10	Mary Favre - -	Mary Favre - -	About 25 years past	-	East bank of Pearl river.
11	George Marse - -	George Marse - -	February, 1810	-	East side Pearl river.
12	Stephen Jerrell - -	Stephen Jerrell - -	- - - 1811	-	Pearl river.
13	Antonie Judise - -	Antoine Judise - -	- - - 1809	-	East side Pearl river.
14	James Rolles - -	James Rolles - -	January, - 1812	-	East side Pearl river.
15	John Watson - -	John Watson - -	March, - 1813	1828	Mouth Jourdan river.
16	James Hunt - -	Cary Christian - -	- - - 1811		West side Pascagoula river.
17	Widow Morin - -	Widow Morin - -	- - - 1812		West side bay St. Louis.
18	Samuel White - -	Adam Gallenger - -	- - - 1812		Mulatto bayou.
19	John Dearman - -	John Dearman - -	- - - 1809		Red Bluff, Pascagoula.
20	Guedon Toulme - -	Guedon Toulme - -	- - - 1812		West side, bay St. Louis.
21	Nancy Collins - -	James Andrews - -	- - - 1812		Pearl river.
22	Leon Bingle - -	Leon Bingle - -	- - - 1812		North side Bay Old Fort.
23	George Christ. Dameron - -	Francis Henry - -	- - - 1803		Vashrie Bluff, east side Pascagoula river.

REGISTER of Claims to Lands within that part of the limits of the Land District of Jackson Court-House, in the State of Mississippi, lying below the thirty-first degree of north latitude, (formerly Louisiana,) founded on complete grants, derived from either the French, British, or Spanish, Governments, which in the opinion of the undersigned, are not valid agreeably to the laws, usages, or customs of such Government.

Number.	By whom claimed.	Original claimant.	Nature of claim, and from what authority derived.	Date of claim.			Quantity claimed.				Where situated.	By whom issued.	Surveyed.		Inhabited and cultivated.	
				Day.	Month.	Year.	Front.	Deep.	Area in arpens.	Area in acres.			When.	By whom.	From.	To.
1	Daniel Boardman,	John Marr,	- British government,	23d	September,	1778,	-	-	-	500	Pascagoula,	Peter Chester,	Sep. 18, 1778,	Elias Durnford,	Not inhabited or cultivated.	Not inhabited or cultivated.
2	Same,	Same,	- Same,	do	do	do	-	-	-	500	do	Same,	do	Same,	Not inhabited or cultivated.	Not inhabited or cultivated.

WM. HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REMARKS.

The above grants are void, because it does not appear that they were recognized by the Spanish government; or, that the land was ever inhabited or cultivated. It is believed that the same lands have been donated by our government.

Attest:

VALENTINE DELMAS, *Clerk.*

WM. HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REGISTER of Claims to Lands, within that part of the limits of the Land District of Jackson Court-House, in the State of Mississippi, lying below the thirty-first degree of north latitude, (formerly Louisiana,) founded on orders of survey, requettes, permission to settle, or other written evidence of claim, derived either from the French, British, or Spanish Authorities, which in the opinion of the undersigned, ought to be confirmed.

Number.	By whom claimed.	Original claimant.	Nature of claim, and from what authority derived.	Date of claim.			Quantity claimed.				Where situated.	By whom issued.	Surveyed.		Inhabitation and cultivation.	
				Day.	Month.	Year.	Front.	Deep.	Area in arpens.	Area in acres.			When.	By whom.	From.	To.
1	Juan de Cuevas, -	Nicholas Christian,	Spanish permit,	1	August,	1781,				Unknown.	Cat Island, -	Manuel de Lonzas,	No survey,		1768,	1828,
2	Valentine Delmas,	Anthony Blanc, -	Spanish permit,	10	September,	1795,	6	40	240	-	Pascagula bay,	Baron de Carondelet,	No survey,		1802,	1828.

WILLIAM HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REMARKS.

Claim, numbered one, designated as Cat Island, contains $2,078\frac{1}{100}$ acres; most of which are unfit for cultivation. The permit on which this claim is founded, calls for the whole island. From the long and continued inhabitation and cultivation, it would seem that the claimant ought to be entitled to the whole island, if the laws, usages, and customs, of the Spanish government would warrant such an opinion.

Attest:

VALENTINE DELMAS, *Clerk.*

WILLIAM HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REPORT.—No. 3.

REGISTER of Claims to Lands, within that part of the limits of the Land District of Jackson Court House, in the State of Mississippi, lying below the thirty-first degree of North latitude, (formerly Louisiana,) founded on orders of survey, requettes, permission to settle, or other written evidence of claim, derived either from the French, British, or Spanish authorities, which, in the opinion of the former Commissioners, ought not to be confirmed; but which have been revived, and additional testimony adduced in their support; and which, in the opinion of the undersigned, ought to be confirmed, for a reasonable quantity.

Numbet.	Former Commissioners' Report.				By whom claimed.	Original Claimants.	Nature of claims, and from what authority derived.	Date of claim.			Quantity claimed.				By whom issued.	Surveyed.		Additional Testimony.
	William Crawford.		Register and Receiver.					Day.	Month.	Year.	Front.	Deep.	Area in Arpens.	Areain Acres.		When.	By whom.	
	No. Report.	No. Claim.	No. Report.	No. Claim.														
1	-	-	3	2	Eben Reese, - -	Eben Reese, - -	Spanish concession, - -	26th	January, - -	1795,	-	-	1,000	-	Gayoso, - - -	No survey,	No survey,	Inhabitation and cultivation ever since 1802.
2	-	-	3	9	Anthony L. Carrall, - -	Anthony L. Carrall, - -	Spanish permit, - -	24th	July, - -	1802,	-	-	3,000	-	Grand Pree, - - -	No survey,	No survey,	Inhabitation and cultivation, 1798, 1812, & 1813.
3	-	-	3	8	John J. Jourdan, - -	John J. Jourdan, - -	Spanish permit, - -	24th	April, - -	1798,	25	40	1,000	-	Gayso de Lemos, - - -	No survey,	No survey,	Inhabitation and cultivation since 1802.
4	-	-	special, 8	2	Reps. of Louis Boisdore, - -	Louis Boisdore, - -	Spanish order of survey, - -	26th	April, - -	1783,	-	-	unknown,	-	Stephen Mero, - - -	No survey,	No survey,	Inhabitation and cultivation, from 1788 to 1828.

WILLIAM HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REMARKS.

Claims Nos. 1, 2, & 3, were reported unfavorably of by the former Commissioners, for want of inhabitation and cultivation; and although the additional testimony which has been adduced in their support, does not amount to full and satisfactory proof of inhabitation and cultivation, according to the laws, usages, and customs, of the Spanish Government, they are, therefore, forfeited: yet as the inhabitation and cultivation were prior to 1803, we are of opinion they ought to be confirmed, for a reasonable quantity.

Claim No. 4. This claim is founded on an order of survey, issued by Governor Miro, in favor of Louis Boisdoré; and confirmed to his widow, Marguerette Douisson, by the Intendant Morales, 4th April, 1808. It does not appear by the title papers that an actual survey was made, with geometrical precision—yet a map, or conjectural plan, definitely fixing the limits of the claim, was made by the Surveyor General Pintado, 30th May, 1810. This claim extends from Pearl river to the Bay of St. Louis, and is supposed to contain about *one hundred thousand acres*. The additional testimony adduced to us, proves incontestably that this claim has been inhabited, and a part of the land kept under cultivation, upwards of forty years; it is also in testimony before us, that the extent of this claim was distinctly known to the neighbors, and that the claimant set up his claim to the whole limits contained within the before-mentioned figurative plan. The above claim is forfeited, under the Spanish laws, usages, and customs, for want of inhabitation and cultivation within the time prescribed by those laws and regulations; yet as the inhabitation and cultivation appears to be very ancient, it is conceived that this claim ought to be confirmed, for a reasonable quantity.

Attest:

VALENTINE DELMAS, *Clerk.*

WILLIAM HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REPORT—No. 4.

REGISTER of Claims to Lands East of Pearl River, in the District of Jackson Court House, lying below the thirty-first degree of North latitude, in the State of Mississippi, (formerly Louisiana,) founded on orders of Surveys, Requettes, Permission to Settle, or other written evidence of Claim, derived either from the French, British, or Spanish Government, which, in the opinions of the former Commissioners ought not to be confirmed, but for which Certificates of Confirmation has issued to the Claimants for a quantity not exceeding six hundred and forty acres as donations. (Under the third section of the laws of 1819 and 1822.

Number.	Former Commissioners Reports.				By whom claimed.	Original Claimant.	Nature of claim, and from what authority derived.	Date of Claim.			Quantity claimed.				By whom issued.	Surveyed.		
	William Crawford.		Register and Receiver.					Day.	Month.	Year.	Front.	Deep.	Area in Arpens.	Area in Acres.		When.	By whom.	
	No. Report.	No. Claim.	No. Report.	No. Claim.														
1	6	49	5	12	Benjamin Lauier and wife, -	Jerrel Byrne, -	Spanish concession, -	19	November,	1798	-	-	1600	-	Manuel Lonzas, -	12th March, 1804.	J. Collins.	Inhabitation and cultivation, 1806 to 1808.
2	6	50	5	13	Benjamin Lanier and wife, -	Thomas Byne, -	Spanish concession, -	19	November,	1798	-	-	1600	-	Manuel Lonzos, -	Dif. times, 1804, '5	No survey.	Inhabitation and cultivation, 1807 to 1811.
3	-	-	3	10	Samuel A. Tanner, -	Samuel A. Turner, -	Spanish permit, -	21	March,	1799	-	-	1600	-	Gayoso, -	No survey.	No survey.	Inhabitation and cultivation, 1802.
4	6	26	-	-	Asa Hartfield, -	Alexander Durant, -	Spanish permit, -	21	April,	1810	20	40	800	-	Francisco Havia, -	No survey.	No survey.	Inhabitation and cultivation, Oct. 1810 to Dec. 1810.
5	6	58	-	-	Rep's of Simon Favre, -	Simon Favre, -	Spanish order survey, -	5	March,	1804	-	-	-	1200	John V. Morales, -	No survey.	No survey.	Formerly inhabited and cultivated.
6	6	60	-	-	Same, -	Same, -	Purchase from the Spanish Gov. -	19	October,	1803	20	40	-	800	John V. Morales, -	No survey.	No survey.	Inhabitation and cultivation, 1806.

WILLIAM HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REMARKS.

The above claims were considered by the former Commissioners, forfeited under the Spanish law, for the want of inhabitation and cultivation. Certificates of confirmation, however, have been issued by our predecessors, to the claimants, for the quantity of six hundred and forty acres. The claimants claimed their privilege under the act of the 24th May, 1828, of reviving their claims, in those cases where additional testimony has been adduced: the proof in substance amount to the same as that recorded by the former Commissioners: all the claims appear to have been inhabited and cultivated prior to the 15th April, 1813. We are therefore of opinion, that the respective claimants ought to be quieted in their claims.

WILLIAM HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

Attest: VALENTINE DELMAS, *Clerk.*

Number.	Present claimant.	Original claimant.	Date of original settlement.	Date of present settlement.	Where situated.
24	Nancy Collins -	Robert Lott -	1808	-	Pearl river.
25	Stephen Wintworth -	Stephen Wintworth -	1811	-	Pearl river.
26	Nancy Collins -	John Bradley -	1811	-	Pearl river.
27	Robert Jones -	John Heath -	1811	-	Pearl river.
28	Andrew Dexter -	James Burke -	1811	-	Pascagoula river.
29	Heirs of Fred. Rodgers -	Frederick Rodgers -	1812	-	West side Pascagoula river.
30	Ellis Fairbanks -	Ellis Fairbanks -	1812	-	West side Pascagoula river.
31	Joseph Couria -	Joseph Couria -	1810	-	East of Pass Christian.
32	William Wallis -	William Wallis -	1812	-	Pearl river.

WM. HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

REMARKS.

All the above claims appear to have been inhabited and cultivated prior to the 15th April, 1813, and in our opinion entitled to confirmation, to the same extent of claims of this description reported by former Commissioners.

WM. HOWZE, *Register.*
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver.*

Attest:

VALENTINE DELMAS, *Clerk.*

REPORT—No. 6.

A LIST of actual Settlers within that part of the Land District of Jackson Court-House, in the State of Mississippi, lying below the thirty-first degree of north latitude, (formerly Louisiana,) subsequent to the 15th of April, 1813, who have no claims derived from either the French, British, or Spanish Government.

Number.	Present claimant.	Original claimant.	Date of original settlement.	Date of present settlement.	Where situated.
1	Representatives of Nicholas Holly,	Nicholas Holley, -	- - 1819,	- - -	Sea coast.
2	James Gilmore, -	James Gilmore, -	- - 1818,	- - -	Sea coast.
3	Nancy Haven, -	Nancy Haven, -	- - 1817,	- - -	Oyster Hammock.
4	John Williams, -	Daniel Bathrick, -	- - 1815,	- - -	Sea coast.
5	Samuel White, -	William J. Stewart,	- - 1817,	- - -	Sea coast, Deer Bayou.
6	George Frazier, -	George Frazier, -	August, 1813,	- - -	Hobolo Chitto.
7	Alexander Jebout, -	Alexander Jebout, -	August, 1817,	- - -	Hobolo Chitto.
8	William Flynn, -	William Flynn, -	- - 1818,	- - -	Pearl river.
9	J. B. Mayo, -	J. B. Mayo, -	- - 1818,	- - -	Pearl river.
10	Narcissa Richard, -	Narcissa Richard, -	August, 1816,	- - -	Sweet Water and Broken Pot rivers.
11	James W. Wyatt, -	Thomas Evirette, -	- - 1819,	- - -	Pascagon river.
12	William Seal, -	William Seal, -	March, 1819,	- - -	Lott's creek.
13	James Carraway, -	James Carraway, -	- - 1814,	- - -	Pearl river.
14	Bernard Bernouis, -	Bernard Bernouis, -	- - 1816,	- - -	Bayou Point.
15	A. G. Lefountain, -	A. G. Lefountain, -	- - 1814,	- - -	Bay of the Old Fort.
16	Pierre Ladner, -	Pierre Ladner, -	- - 1819,	- - -	West side of Bayou Valdeterre.
17	Jonathan Rush, -	Jonathan Rush, -	- - 1819,	- - -	West side of Pascagoula river.
18	Moses Strahan, Jun., -	Moses Strahan, Jun., -	- - 1818,	- - -	Pearl river.
19	James Howard, -	James Howard, -	- - 1819,	- - -	Pearl river.
20	Ezekiel Mayo, -	Ezekiel Mayo, -	- - 1818,	- - -	Pearl river.
21	Seaburn A. B. Mayo, -	Seaburn A. B. Mayo, -	- - 1819,	- - -	Pearl river.
22	Asa Strahan, -	Asa Strahan, -	- - 1817,	- - -	Pearl river.
23	William Thompson, -	William Thompson, -	- - 1816,	- - -	Pearl river.
24	Heirs of James Caller, -	Alex. B. Curthbertson, -	- - 1813,	- - -	West side of Pascagon river.
25	P. R. R. Pray, -	P. R. R. Pray, -	June, 1824,	- - -	Tusculum, mouth of Pearl river.

REPORT—Continued.

Number.	Present claimant.	Original claimant.	Date of original settlement.	Date of present settlement.	Where situated.
26	Francois Coevas, - -	Francois Coevas, -	- - 1822,	- - -	Binachoua.
27	Ynes Garcia, - - -	Ynes Garcia, -	- - 1826,	- - -	Binachoua.
28	Gilbert Ladner, - -	Gilbert Ladner, -	- - 1826,	- - -	Cataolua.
29	Lewis Deneville, - -	Lewis Deneville, -	- - 1826,	- - -	Point Boisdore.
30	Jesse Dupue, - - -	Jesse Dupue, -	- - 1821,	- - -	Head waters of Jourdan river.
31	Jesse Moody, - - -	Jesse Moody, -	- - 1820,	- - -	Pearl river.
32	Chadrack Stewart, - -	Chadrack Stewart, -	- - 1820,	- - -	Pearl river.
33	Henry Greenwood, - -	Henry Greenwood, -	- - 1827,	- - -	Sea coast.
34	James Cutler, - - -	James Cutler, -	- - 1826,	- - -	Mouth of Pearl river.
35	Alexis Fayerd, - - -	Alexis Fayerd, -	- - 1822,	- - -	Old Camp.
36	Etienne Joseph, - - -	Etienne Joseph, -	- - 1825,	- - -	Conjunction main br. Bayou Cousat.
37	George D. Davis, - - -	George D. Davis, -	- - 1823,	- - -	Bayou Valdeterre.

WM. HOWZE, *Register*.
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver*.

REMARKS.

A few of the above claims appear to have been settled subsequent to the third of March, 1819. In those cases, the claimants have claimed to be registered. We have reported them accordingly, and respectfully submit them to the consideration of Congress.

WM. HOWZE, *Register*.
G. B. DAMERON, *Receiver*.

Attest:

VALENTINE DELMAS, *Clerk*.

